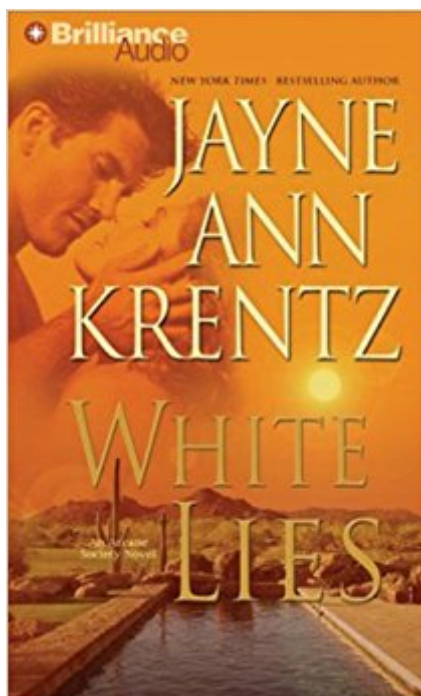


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Synopsis

Relationships are challenging enough for most single over-thirty women. For level ten parasensitive Clare Lancaster, they're a minefield. The elite few who know her secret call her a human lie detector, and any falsehood, no matter how subtle or well hidden, sets her blood racing. Over the years, Clare has come to accept that someone with her extraordinary talents is unlikely to find a suitable mate. And she's even resigned herself to the fact that everyone, to one degree or another, hides behind a façade. Including her recently deceased brother-in-law. When Clare finds the body of Brad McAllister, the golden child of Stone Canyon, Arizona, the posh residents turn a suspicious eye in her direction. As Archer Glazebrook's daughter, Clare is shielded from the law, but not the gossip. It seems that meeting the half sister and family whom she did not know until seven months ago was a mistake. Now her father summons her from California to play a role in his business empire, and Clare doesn't intend on making the same mistake twice. But after meeting Jake Salter, Archer's "business consultant," she is convinced that things aren't what they seem. Salter's careful conversation walks a delicate line between truth and deception, revealing and resisting. Something sparks and sizzles between them - something more than the usual electricity between a man and a woman. Caught in a dizzying storm of secrets, lies, and half-truths, Jake and Clare will plunge into an investigation that demands every bit of their special gifts. Together, they must overcome their mutual distrust in order to unravel a web of conspiracy and murder.

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Customer Reviews

This spirited paranormal romance is the latest in Krentz's Arcane Society series (which includes some novels, like the recent *Second Sight*, written as Amanda Quick). Clare Lancaster, like her parents and grandparents, is a member of the clandestine Arcane Society, an association of parasensitives who are dedicated to the study of the paranormal. Clare's extraordinary abilities as a human lie detector make even other paranormals uneasy, with the exception of her half-sister Elizabeth. Elizabeth's troubled marriage brings Clare to Arizona and into the family circle. There, Clare finally meets Archer Glazebrook, her biological father, but she also meets Jake Salter, another highly talented parasensitive who turns out to be on assignment from Jones & Jones (the investigative arm of the Arcane Society) to track down a possible plot to take over the society. The cabal he's after has some connection to the still-unsolved murder of Clare's objectionable brother-in-law months before. More murders follow, and Jake and Clare have to work together to save themselves and the society. Krentz delivers another evocative romance, complete with engaging dialogue and explicit sex scenes, but the real meat of the plot concerns the sleuthing: that a charismatic alpha male finally meets his mate is icing on another densely plotted Krentz confection. (Jan.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

As a level 10 para-sensitive, Clare Lancaster can tell for certain when someone is telling the truth. So Clare knows that her half-sister, Elizabeth Glazebrook, isn't lying when she says her husband, Brad McAllister, is trying to kill her. But Brad is murdered instead, and as the first person to find his body, Clare becomes the Stone Canyon Police Department's favorite suspect. With no evidence to tie her to the crime, Clare is allowed to return to her old life in San Francisco. But six months later, her father, Archer, summons her back to Phoenix. Her unique gift tells her not only that there is more to her father's new business "consultant" Jake Salter than he would like her to believe but also that she is in grave danger. Writing as Amanda Quick, Krentz introduced the Arcane Society, a group dedicated to psychic research and investigation, in *Second Sight* (2006), her latest historical romance. Now Krentz successfully brings the concept into the present in a seductive, sharply witty, and paranormal-flavored thriller in which she deftly infuses an expertly crafted plot with sizzling sexual chemistry between two intriguing protagonists to create another of her supremely addictive tales of romantic suspense. John Charles Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Original storyline, fascinating, realistic characters, believable dialog, and great pacing earn this novel five stars from this reader! Jake and Claire are both strong, smart, determined, people who get blindsided by their magnetic attraction to each other; a complication neither were looking for, but neither can, (or want), to ignore. Both have a hidden agenda, and soon find working together will increase their chances of success exponentially. After comparing notes, both discover there is much more going on in this usually quiet Arizona town than either imagined. When Claire's half-sister's husband was found murdered in their home, (by Claire), most thought Claire had killed him. Rumors of a love triangle gone wrong started up almost immediately, and only Archer, Claire and Elizabeth's wealthy and influential father could have squelched the police investigation in that town. Being a murder suspect put an end to Claire's job for a prestigious charity foundation, and it seems that in every case, her reputation has preceded her as job application after application is rejected. With money getting tight, she accepts an invitation from Archer to visit and hear an idea he has; besides, she wants to see Elizabeth, and make sure she's o.k. After all...having your husband drug you, try to make you believe you're mentally unstable, and not being able to convince anyone but your half-sister, (whom you've never met), that you're married to a monster is more than a little stressful. Of course Claire believed her...It's impossible to fool a human lie detector! That talent is going to be invaluable in this investigation, since it seems more complicated and convoluted with each new development. A real page turner, and a fun and intriguing read,; this novel will keep you up long past your bedtime!

WHITE LIES is the second book in the Arcane series. It is a contemporary romantic suspense book. Clare Landcaster is a high level parasensitive who is a human lie detector. Because of her abilities, she has a difficult time trusting people. She has come to Arizona to meet with her father and half siblings. At her father's home, she meets Jake Salter an Arcane business consultant, who she can tell has secrets. The two hit it off (reluctantly on Clare's part). Soon, Jake's undercover investigation crosses with attempts on Clare's life. As the two investigate, they also end up learning each others secrets and falling in love. I really like the relationship between Clare and Jake. Clare is a strong woman who has been wounded by her desire to protect her family. The book is filled with misunderstandings and mistrust between all the characters. This is not a romance where the conflict is dominated by misunderstandings, rather it is the other characters who don't trust one another. As Clare states, everyone lies and this book is filled with people who are lying for various reasons. I have a great fondness for Jake who is determined but funny and considerate. The relationship between Clare and Jake remains the focus of the book even as the suspense story progresses. The

book also introduces one of my favorite characters in the series: Fallon Jones. His book is simply amazing but there are several books before that one. The writing in the book is clean and straightforward and thus the suspense is sustained throughout the book. Although this is the second book in the series, this book can be read independent of that book. The Arcane books can be read independently, however, there is a continuing story that a dedicated reader will find satisfying as the plot unfolds in this and the subsequent books.

Great book as I have always found with books by Jane Ann Krentz. The subject matter of this book --- 'white lies' is fantastically portrayed by the characters and gives terrific insight into 'white lies' that life sometimes makes us tell to protect those we love, those for and with whom we work and those to whom owe respect, and YES, sometimes to protect ourselves. I would recommend any and all of this author's books to everyone. Jayne Ann Krentz always has a LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA in her books to give her readers enjoyment and YES, things to ponder and give us pause.

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